

Mansfield Township has the opportunity to pool together the electricity usage of all our residents through a community energy aggregation program through which we can obtain a lower electricity supply price without impacting service from JCP&L. The Mansfield Township Mayor and Committee are considering joining a cooperative for residential electricity here in Warren County called the Sussex-Warren Area Energy Cooperative ("SWAEC"). Some Warren County towns that already participate in this cooperative arrangement are Frelinghuysen, Hardwick, Harmony, Hope, Knowlton, and Oxford. In addition, Blairstown recently joined the cooperative.

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has authorized municipalities in New Jersey to offer Community Energy Aggregation programs to their residents. Under these programs, municipalities are able to obtain bulk pricing for their residents at reduced rates. While all residents not currently in a contract with a third party supplier would initially be included in the community energy aggregation program, residents always have a choice regarding their participation in this program.

Some highlights of the Community Energy Aggregation program we are considering include:

- There are no fees or penalties to participate or not participate in this program.
- Residents will continue to get one bill from JCP&L.
- JCP&L will continue to maintain all power lines and poles and respond to any emergency needs.
- This is a NJ state approved program with consumer protections which is unlike other third party supply contracts.
- Mansfield Township will not financially benefit from this program and is only providing a cost savings opportunity to our residents.
- The Program can only be implemented if a rate reduction is available to residents.